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Man Convicted of Sexually Abusing Young Girls in El Monte

A 48-year-old man was sentenced today to 15 years to life in state prison for sexually molesting two girls at separate times, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On March 17, a jury found Pedro Gayosso Luna (dob 6/2/67) of El Monte guilty of two counts of lewd act upon a child in case KA107335. Additionally, jurors found true a special allegation of multiple victims.

At today's sentencing, Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Robert M. Martinez also ordered the defendant to register as a lifetime sex offender.

Deputy District Attorney Babette Huley of the Victim Impact Program, who prosecuted the case, said Luna sexually molested two young girls during a 17-year period.

In September 2014, one of the victims revealed to an adult female family member that Luna had been inappropriately touching her, the prosecutor said.

The family member immediately called law enforcement and alerted them about the sexual abuse, the prosecutor said.

When authorities were taking the report, the family member told authorities Luna also had sexually abused her from 1997 to 1998, according to the prosecutor.

Luna was subsequently arrested and charged in connection with the molestation on Sept. 4, 2014.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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